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**PATRICK ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES GRANTS  
TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN SECURE JOBS  
PROGRAM**

*Funds will provide employment readiness skills for homeless and low-income families*

BOSTON—Tuesday, October 7, 2014—The Patrick Administration today announced grant recipients of the Secure Jobs program aimed at funding for job training, job search services and a year of housing stabilization services for homeless or low-income families which will provide secure housing and stable jobs for Massachusetts citizens who need it the most.

“These grants will allow our partner organizations to continue to thrive in providing superior services that aim to end family homelessness,” said Aaron Gornstein, Undersecretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development. “We have seen how successful these programs are in curbing homelessness and providing valuable skills to some of the Commonwealth’s most vulnerable citizens; these grants continue the Patrick Administration’s efforts to end homelessness and reduce our reliance on the emergency shelter program.”

As part of the Fiscal Year 2015 state budget, \$500,000 in grant funding will be provided to six partner organizations that focus on homeless services, workforce development and child care.

Partnerships funded through the grants will match homeless and low-income families with services to help them overcome barriers to work, and connect them with suitable employers in jobs with career pathways.

Grant recipients are:

- Community Teamwork Inc., Merrimack Valley--\$60,000
- Father Bills & Main Spring, South Shore--\$57,020
- HAP Housing, Western Massachusetts--\$60,000

- Jewish Vocational Services, Metro Boston--\$60,000
- SER-Jobs for Progress, South Coast and Islands--\$60,000
- Worcester Community Action Council, Central Massachusetts-\$200,000

This round of grants builds upon funding made available this past spring by the Housing Preservation and Stabilization Trust Fund and a 2013 pilot program funded by the Paul and Phyllis Fireman Charitable Foundation. The Secure Jobs program is a collaboration between the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Transitional Assistance and the Department of Early Education and Care.

These grants also follow announcements made in the summer by Governor Deval Patrick, committing \$83.6 million in funding to create 24 affordable housing projects across the state, building upon the Patrick Administration's commitment to improving housing infrastructure to support growth and opportunity throughout the Commonwealth.

Since 2007, the Patrick Administration has invested over \$1 billion in state and federal resources to create 24,000 units of housing, of which 22,000 are affordable.